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GROUP 3600 OR In re application of: INGRID MARIA PERSCKY DE FABREGA Serial No.: 09/754,021 Group No.: 2162 Filed: JANUARY 3, 2001 Examiner .: --E-COMMERCE DEVELOPMENT INTRANET PORTAL **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF FILING OR RECEIVED **BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. 1.97(b))** SEP 1 8 2002 RECEIVED OFFICE OF PETITIONS CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10* (When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is mandatory; AUG 1 5 2002 Express Mail certification is optional.) **OFFICE OF PETITIONS** I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being: deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) 37 C.F.R. 1.10* with sufficient postage as first class mail. as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. TRANSMISSION Transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office. Signature Date: _August 7, 2002 WILLIAM R. EVANS (type or print name of person certifying) Only the date of filing (§ 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under § 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See §

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We draw the attention of the Examiner to additional references including U.S. cited references 5,949,411; 4,845,636 and 5,812,765 that are considered in the specification.

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